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### **ADVANCED PRACTICE COMMITTEE Minutes (Approved April 28, 2014)**

The Advanced Practice Committee held a meeting on March 31, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., in Conference Room A, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE.

**PRESENT:** Allen Prettyman (telephone), Ron Castaldo, Megan Williams (telephone), Sandy Elliott, Delphos Price, Robert McKennett,

**ABSENT:** Candace Sandal, Cindy Drew, Leslie Verucci, Jean Gallagher, JoAnn Baker

**GUESTS:** Megan Schepens, Susan P. Mumford, Tanya Robinson- FNP students from the University of Delaware

**PRESIDING:** Delphos Price

**STAFF:** Pamela Zickafoose, Executive Director, Delaware Board of Nursing

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Price called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. Committee members introduced themselves for the students.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:** Mr. Castaldo noted a typographical error on the agenda which Dr. Zickafoose will correct. Minutes from February 24, 2014 were reviewed. Ms. Elliott made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. McKennett. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Statutory Changes- Composition of the Board**

Dr. Zickafoose informed committee members the Board of Nursing voted unanimously to increase the APN members on the board from one to two APN members and to decrease the LPNs from three to two. A sponsor is being sought at this time.

##### **Meeting Suggestions**

Ms. Elliott stated she spoke with Ms. Baker at a meeting last week and she recommended the committee meet every other month in Dover instead of every month (alternating locations) since we are not going forward with the Consensus Model bill this session. Members discussed the request and decided to keep the monthly meetings as scheduled and determine each month if a meeting is needed. Mr. Castaldo stated he is hoping to get the Insurance Commission meeting scheduled soon with this committee. Members also agreed to vote on whether the meetings should alternate or be held only in Dover. Dr. Zickafoose will send an email for members to vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Consensus Model Education- Meetings with Stakeholders and Insurance Commission**

Mr. Castaldo reported he has not heard back from the Insurance Commission but he plans to try to reschedule this meeting. Both the commissioner and deputy commissioner were out of town for this meeting. They have the dates and will let us know when they are able to attend. Members discussed the possibility to going to their offices either in Dover or Wilmington if needed.

Mr. McKennett stated there are other stakeholders we have not contacted yet for financial support and lobbying efforts such as our professional organizations. He presented the Consensus Model education to the DONL but has not requested actual support from this group. These associations need to contact the legislators and voice their support of the bill once it is introduced. Members discussed getting APN students involved and Dr. Prettyman stated there were about 100 students in the UD program and about 36 others in the Wilmington University program who could contact their legislators. Dr. Sandal teaches at Wilmington University. Mr. Price commented that it is not just contacting the legislator that is needed; instead it is important to establish a relationship with the legislator.

**Meeting with Senator Blevins**

Mr. Price informed the committee members and guests that he met with Senator Blevins to discuss the Consensus Model bill and to request her sponsorship. Two nurses from the VA Medical Center attended the meeting with Mr. Price. Senator Blevins called Mr. Price and told him she spoke with Senator Hall-Long and Representative Walker and all felt it was better to wait until next year to introduce the bill. Ms. Elliott voiced concern over the lay midwives and their legislation regarding collaborative agreements and waiting until next year because they may also have a bill then. Dr. Zickafoose will write an email to Senator Hall-Long and Representative Walker expressing these concerns. Mr. McKennett stated he agreed with the Senators that we are not ready to introduce the bill. Dr. Zickafoose commented it would be best to have physician support before introducing the bill. Members commented that would be ideal but unrealistic. However, all agreed additional education was needed. Mr. Price sent a thank-you email to Senator Blevins including a one page summary (drafted by Dr. Prettyman, Mr. Price, Dr. Zickafoose, and Ms. Williams) of how the Consensus Model will affect Delawareans. Dr. Zickafoose will email that document to committee members.

**Meeting with Dr. Fan**

Mr. Price will be facilitating scheduling a breakfast meeting with Dr. Fan, David Mangler, Dr. Zickafoose and himself to discuss the Consensus Model. Ms. Elliott asked committee members to name five physicians who support us and none were mentioned. One member commented it was about power and politics. Dr. Zickafoose will coordinate dates with Mr. Mangler and submit to Mr. Price to assist scheduling this meeting. Ms. Elliott will determine who the President-elect of the MSD is and let members know.

**Legislative Outreach- Meetings with Legislators**

Mr. Castaldo stated the list is on hold for now. Even though we are not introducing the bill this year we still need to keep in contact with legislators and it was recommended that Ms. Baker, Dr. Sandal and Dr. Prettyman get their students to contact legislators about the Consensus Model. It would be ideal if the students could do this before the end of the legislative session in June.

**Statute and Regulations**

Dr. Zickafoose reported the Board of Nursing held a public hearing for Section 8 rule changes and only one comment was received from Jana Conover AANA regarding grandfathering. The

board deliberated and the new rules should be published in the Register in May and become effective May 10<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Zickafoose reported that Sue Hassmiller (from the IOM Future of Nursing Report) spoke at the NCSBN Midyear meeting and suggested a change in statutory language to remove the word "independent" from legislation with the reason being at the national level physicians are saying nurses want to be independent and not members of a team. This is not and never has been the case. Members discussed this suggestion and agreed to change the term to "full practice authority" which is language the AANP suggested previously. Dr. Zickafoose will make the changes and email the bill to members for their review.

**OTHER BUSINESS (for discussion only):**

Dr. Zickafoose distributed the "Guidelines for Grandfathering APRNs by Endorsement" which was the result of the APRN Roundtable meeting Mr. Price attended in February.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**NEXT MEETING –April 28, 2014 in Newark.**

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela C. Zickafoose". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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